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ATTENTION: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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For: **CONstriction DEVICE INCLUDING REINFORCED SUTURE HOLES**

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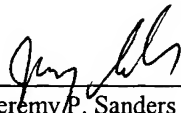
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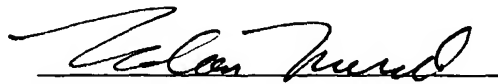
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